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TAGS: PTER KTFN ETTC PREL EFIN BG
SUBJECT: TERRORIST FINANCE: PRESENCE OF REVIVAL OF ISLAMIC HERITAGE SOCIETY (RIHS)

REF: A. 06 SECSTATE 202039

¶B. 06 DHAKA 3079

Classified By: Deputy Chief of Mission Geeta Pasi; Reason 1.4(d)

¶1. (S/NF) Per Ref A request, Post assessed whether the GOB would object to US designation of the Kuwaiti-based Revival of Islamic Heritage Society branch in Bangladesh (RIHS-B) under E.O. 13224 and/or UNSCR 1267. Post does not believe the GOB would object to designation under either authority. In 2005, post informed the GOB that RIHS operated in Bangladesh and the GOB ordered the offices to cease operations. The NGO Affairs Bureau, responsible for authorizing expenditure of foreign currency funds by registered NGOs suspended RIHS-B's authorization to receive foreign currency and conducted additional scrutiny of expenditure authorization requests. The GOB has previously informed Embassy that RIHS-B has only a limited amount of foreign currency remaining in their accounts (Reftel).

¶2. (S/NF) Post believes designation of RIHS-B would have little if any impact on legitimate charitable services provided by RIHS-B. As reported Ref B, the GOB claims it has already conducted a survey of more than 400 projects funded by RIHS-B to ascertain the legitimacy of the projects. The GOB has also undertaken steps to ensure continued operation of these projects. The steps include location of alternative charitable organizations willing to assume responsibility for the projects and extension of government services to supplement or replace charitable services provided by RIHS-B.

The GOB's actions against RIHS-B and the impact of those actions have not generated significant negative reaction in Bangladesh. Given the prior actions of the GOB, we do not foresee the need for assistance with providing further replacement services to mitigate the impact of a designation of RIHS-B.

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